Confessions - -Character Reader

Near Washington Square is a little restaurant, two steps down from the street level, where the proprietor does the cooking, and his wife, son and daughter the serving, and none may pass the entrance door savethose introduced by one already known there.

being no exception to the general rule, told me about her love affair.

"She said her sweetheart was a plumber who earned good money, but that most of it went for drink. As he did not listen to her, she asked if I could not do something to induce him to change his course. I asked: 'Is he superstitious?' and she answered:

Dining in this queer, clean place were a few friends, including a character reader. or not. The blended hum of French and Italian was like an obscuring portière separating them from the other guests, insuring the privacy which inspires conversational con-

There were in the party a writer, the character reader, a playwright and his sister, and a civil engineer. As the dinner here is served in single dish courses with digestive waits between there was abun-

dant opportunity for recitals. "I should fancy that a character reader, especially now that things of that sort are a fad, would encounter some queer things."

divested of all misleading assumption you have, Pete. I never thought of it before. Tell us about it," said the writer of plays, on the lookout for a new situation.

The writer, slowly sipping his claret, said nothing, and the character reader, who was young and possessed an unseared conscience said that he would use no names, and proceeded to relate an experience.

It was, he said, while he was still at college that a phrenologist assured him he could become successful as a reader of character. A few months after this he was at a dinner in a small inland city where he was spending his vacation, when it suddenly

occurred to him to try his powers. Turning to a woman sitting at his left,

"What a keen sense of humor you have, and yet almost no one suspects it! You are, in a way, shy and hate explaining. There are few who see things as you do. Therefore, if you confided what you observed, explanations would be almost invariably necessary. To avoid this, you lead a double life, one which those about you know and another which is wholly within yourself." 'How in the world did you know that!

the young woman exclaimed. "This called attention to me," the character reader went on. "Encouraged by my success. I told others what they knew about themselves, to their great wonder

and delight "An account of what I did at this dinner was published. The next day after the story appeared I received a letter asking me to come and read the character of the writer. On inquiry, I found that he was a candidate for alderman and was told he had not the ghost of a chance of election.

"I wanted experience and to experiment, and without fear and trembling-you know the sort who go gavly forward where angels fear to tread-I went to this man's house to give my first professional character

"The man asked that I read first for his wife. They were shrewd, uneducated

woman's character, she became greatly excited and, rushing out into the hallway. called out to her husband, who was in an adjoining room

'My Gawd, John, it's just wonderful.' "At last, not waiting for me to finish, she left me, exclaiming as she went: 'Oh, John, but it's wonderful. He's been tellin' me

The man impressed me as a person who could do things, but I saw he lacked in- it was uptown. itiative, tact and the knowledge which experience gives, and was anxious and afraid. When I asked him if he had before consulted a character reader, he said he had not, as he was afraid of my kind of folks.

"As I was experimenting. I made up my mind to see if I could not put him in the way of getting the office he sought. After telling him things which caused him to exclaim to his wife, quite as she had done to

You can be elected easy enough but it is up to you to do the things that people like and that will make them like you. Now, the men whose votes you want do not as a rule give a hang what you promise to do if you are elected, nor for you, your wife and children, but they do care for themselves and what concerns them personally "What you want to do is to hustle out and talk with every man, woman and child you can get at. Talk with them about you can get at. Talk with them their affairs and let them talk to you lves. There is nothing pleases folks Make them feel they are as fine as silk.

who that you know it. If you do this they'll whoop it up for you, and you'll go in with a good big majority as a tall to your kite.

"Don't be afraid of what folks may say; just do not give a bob. When you meet a man, even if you do not know him very well alan him on the shoulder and each well, slap him on the shoulder and ask him how his wife and babies are and how business is going; and always have something in your pockets for the babies when they are around.

The man was thoroughly convinced I was a wonder, and I was certain he would act on my advice. He asked where I would be after election, and he and his wife for

Then, and many times afterward, I found myself questioning what the out-come of the election would be for my man. The next day after it occurred I knew, for

I received this wire are a truth teller. I am elected."

"A few days later, to my utter amaze,
I received a beautiful set of Shakespeare.
Think of it, a set of Shakespeare from that "A character reader as a politician's

manager—that would certainly be new, said the playwright, thoughtfully.
"How interesting!" said his sister. "Do tell us other of your experiences,"

The character reader continued:
"My success with these people gave me ssurance and I went on reading character." with sometihing like a gambler's fascinated interest, to see what I could do; and I assure you, no one I road for could have been more surprised at what I said to them than I

At a restaurant where three of my fellow students and myself did our feeding there was a pretty little waitress whom we took turns in feeing. We were talking one day at dinner of how fond all kinds of people are of being revealed to themselves, when one of my chums proposed that we should ask our little waitress which she would prefer, her weekly pour boire or to have her

'I don't know whether that's his religion "When I asked if she were really fond of him she naively said she liked him real well when he was sober, adding, as a chief reason for her preference, that he could earn in one day as much as she did in a

Being assured that he was of the sort "Being assured that he was of the sort that demanded to have the elephant painted I proceeded accordingly. It happened that my two friends were with me the evening I had arranged to see the plumber. When he was announced I bustled them into a closet and slipping into a white bath robe, wrapped, turban fashion, a vellow silk scarf about my head and lighted an incense stick.

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When I had astonished the young fellow said the civil engineer with the rising inflection which made the assertion a question.

"By jove! what an opportunity for studying the human animal at close range and
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"He grew white as I proceeded. When I reached a climax I told him he must sign a piedge which I had ready. I had red ink in a quaint little cloisonné pot and handing him a pen, said:

"You must sign this pledge in blood—sacred blood in which is the life of men and beasts. If you break a pledge so signed you will be damned here and forever after."

"While the reading had been going for-ward there were occasional weird sounds, which I recognized as suppressed laughter in the closet where my friends were wait-ing, but to him they seemed not of the earth, and he was not only convinced but converted, for the last I knew of him he and the little waitress were happily mar-ried, and he had not broken his pledge signed in blood red ink.

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"I shall not soon forget," the character reader continued, "my first visit to Newport. It happened that not long after I became a professional I read for a woman who had recently acquired riches and a place there. She had invited a party of friends and included me among them.

"Greatly impressed by what I had told her of herself, she seemed to think that anything God knows I could find out. Shertly after I arrived she sent for me to come to her boudoir and handing me a little blank book bound in fine morocco said:

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"In that book you will find the names of the people I have here. Following each name are questions that indicate what I want to know about the person. I have left a blank space after each question for you to fill in, after you have read for the person whose name is above the questions.

tions.

"They all know you are a character reader and are wild to have you read for them. I want you to read for Mrs. B—this morning, as I am anxious to know if she is really in love with G—, and if he pretends to care for her, and also if she is just using me or will introduce me into her set, as she has promised.

"I wish you would do them all as soon as you can. Knowledge is power, you know, and the sooner I have it the better. Of course, I will pay you for all the readings and you can stay here as long as you like."

"Did you do it?" asked the playwright's sister, with a flame of color rising in her

"Do you ever read for people you do not know anything about?" asked the engineer. "Frequently. I had something like an adventure in that line a few nights ago.

'I was returning from the theatre. as I was opening the door of my house, an automobile stopped and a man asked if I knew if the character reader S——lived I said I was the character reader more about meself than I ever knew, and you're goin' to be elected. He read it in go without knowing where or asking why and read for four people. I said that I

> "It was a long ride, and I know only that The house was spacious and handsomely appointed and the people I read for were evidently cultured, but I did not recognize the street, and in passing in and out of the house I did not discover

> "The small library where I did the reading opened into one that was larger and was so dimly lighted that I could not see dis-tinctly the faces of those for whom I read and would not be able to recognize them

were I to meet them again.

"When I had finished the readings and had been served a delicious little supper I was told that the automobile was waiting, and I was taken here."

and I was taken home."
"You should write a book and call it.
The Confessions of a Character Reader." Do you not think such a book would be a asked the woman, turning to the writer I do not think I'm much of a judge of what books will do before they are written," he answered. "But if I might be permitted use my judgment as to another matter should say the time had come for you to finish and serve those banana sandwiches. I have for some time been waiting for one or more before lighting my

The woman laughed, and taking the thin slices of banana she had been cutting, inserted little pieces of Camembert cheese between them and passed them on the point of a knife

"A queer combination," said the civil engineer, taking somewhat gingerly the small circle of banana and cheese offered him nicely balanced on the knife blade.

"Queer, yes, but very good as Josephine combines it," answered the writer, accepting a second portion as a reward of appre-

COAL MINE IN THE SAND. When It Was in the Ocean It Was Bought

for \$110-Owner's Profit \$140,000 Sure.

COATZACOALCOS, Mexico, Jan. 28.-Six years ago a three masted schooner loaded with 10,000 tons of good coal was sunk in the Coatzacoalcos Bay, a short distance from shore. At that time the insurance company, which paid the loss on the vessel and its cargo, figured that it would cost more than the coal is worth to recover it.

Emilio Frank, a merchant of Coatzacoalcos, took a look at the situation and came to the conclusion that the construction of the harbor jetties here would cause the sand to drift over the hulk, and that in the course of a few years he would be able to mine the coal at a shallow depth under the sand. He purchased the whole 10,000 tons of coal from the insurance company for \$110 in gold. He waited patiently for his theory to be worked out, and time has shown that

he was correct. The sand now almost covers the hulk of the stranded vessel, and in a few more months he will begin mining the coal. It came from the United States, and as it is worth \$14 to \$20 in gold a ton at this place he will obtain a net return of \$140,000 to \$200,000 on his investment of \$110. He has many or as varied confidences as does a character reader, and the little waiters. already sold enough rope, tackle and timbers obtained from the vessel to pay the dep

the Climate Here.

there were cracks along its body and the sounding board had warped in unsightly

musical instrument of great price. But now its soul was gone.

"A recent arrival from Europe," said the music dealer as the expressman set it down in the corner. "European harps

are like European furniture in our climate; they must be rebuilt.

This instrument isn't so hopeless a wreck as you might think. We'll send it on to Chicago, where there is a big harp factory, and they'll put steel ribs into its constitution strengthen the vapoers straighten.

and they'll put steel ribs into its constitution, strengthen the veneers, straighten
out the column, restore the inlaid work,
and so forth. When it comes back in all
its original beauty you can take it around
the world, for it will be to all intents and
purposes an American instrument.

"Yes, we import our violinists, pianists
and opera singers, but we make our own
harps, and the famous European soloists
and orchestras buy them from us. What
gives the American harp this advantage?
Well, partly our climate.

"We had to build them to last here, which

Well, partly our climate.
"We had to build them to last here, which
means an instrument that will last anywhere. American builders know how to

where. American builders know how to make better veneers, evidently. Then they've found a way of fastening the pillar to the body which prevents breaking, so common in foreign instruments.

"The body is reinforced inside with ribs, all the pedal rods are placed in tubes that muffle their rattle, and the body is built to stand the enormous pull of the strings. American harps, too, have better tone. It may surprise you to know that the latest improvement in a European harp dates back to 1812.

"There is a decided revival of interest."

"There is a decided revival of interest in the harp just now, and it seems to be a musical instrument that has come to stay. A few years ago the church choir that had a harpist was a novelty. Now many churches have them, and most of the players are young women.

The harp offers an attractive career to a woman of moderate musical ability. Long years of practice on the piano or violin would bring her nowhere, but two years, study of the harp enables an intelligent player to appear in a choir or dance orchestra. The harp is also popular at weddings.

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"The record time for learning this in-strument is held by a man harpist in this city, who played in recitals a year from the time he began to practise. You see, the harp is a simple instrument, requiring no great flexibility of hands, as does the piano. Some of the crack pianists can reach three notes more than the octave, which is a spread of over seven inches. On the harp such a player could reach more than two octaves.

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"Harp music is written much the same as piano music, but is simpler. The instru-ment lends itself to homely, simple music, too, so that a little proficiency goes a great way. Many women are amateur harpists of skill and harps are now purchased for children.

"You'd be surprised to know how much in vogue they are and how many are sold in New York. Two-thirds of the purchasers

are women, and perhaps of these one half buy the instrument as a means to a liveli-bood. Besides recitals, church playing. hood. Besides recitals, church playing, weddings, &c., there is a demand for harp

this instrument's wider popularity. That's the price. Some harps cost twice as much as the best concert grand plane, and with elaborate ornamentation they may run

as high as \$3,500.

But when the first cost has been met. the instrument becomes a good investment. I don't know how long a European harpwould last—that instrument in the corner may be only five or ten years old. But it is said that the construction of an American harp is so scientific and strong that a full century may be set as its shortest life."

HIRED INDIAN MOURNERS.

Strange Customs and Superstitions of the Red Men of Oklahoma.

"Hardly any of the Indian mythologies people, who did not in the least realize face, which is present surroundings that the realize fa woman in a conciliatory tone, as she settled back with a little sigh of satisfaction.

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Kansas City Journal. "Some of our Oklahoma Amerinds firmly believe that some of their noted ancestors dwell in certain stars, and when they see a so called shootwhen, ing star-meteor-they exclaim that a departed Amerind descended from above

to visit his relatives on earth. "Some of the ignoble red men mourn with vigor for their dead and have them entombed in \$50 shroud coffins. Some have mourners to sing, chant or grunt the great deeds performed by the deceased. The hired mourners have to abstain from eating during the mourning. They are tied ascuraly on their roomes so that when tied securely on their ponies so that when sleeping they cannot fall from their horses. Some of these paid mourners for the dead refrain from eating for four days and

nights.

"The last noted mourner was hired to mourn four days and nights on the banks of the salty Cimmarron. He was paid of the saity Cimmarron. He was paid four gallons of whiskey in advance for his doleful services. He managed to drink all his viages, except one mouthful, before the last five minutes of his solemn con-tract. He drank the last drink at mid-night of the fourth day and expired in ten-minutes.

"Most of the Indian parents refrain from teaching their infants baby talk. The pappooses are taught to speak correctly from their birth, or shortly after. White folks first teach their offspring a jargon, and then take great pains to unlearn

what they impressed on their minds and tongues.
"Some of our red men are sun worshippers. I have seen many Iowas and Tarvness address their prayers and lamentations to the glorious orb of day. The Iowas who have dwindled down to eightytwo persons, believe in spirits, spiritual horses, dogs and birds. Billy Dole, an old Iowa, once told me: 'I have eleven squaws norses, dogs and birds. Billy Dole, an old Iowa, once told me: 'I have eleven squaws and pappooses up there. I can see them, and see lots of my ponies grazing on the evergreen prairies, where white men can't

evergreen prairies, where white men can't burn the grass.'

"When asked who made the lightning and thunder, the late Chief Tohee said: The big, very big thunder, God makes it to scare the bad people. When he makes sheet or forked lightning, then he wants to just scare bad people; but when he wants to kill a great liar or thief, then he shoots him to death with a ball.' Only one Iowa was ever killed by lightning. All Iowas preserve the account of that terrible event with great care. It is taught and retold to the Iowa children with religious retold to the Iowa children with religious

precision.

"Long ago, when more than 100,000 Iowas lived in the State of Iowa, a certain foremost medicine man sent word to all the members of the tribe to come to his wigwam during the time when the trees were green and partake of a nine days feast. Over 50,000 assembled at the appointed place when the flowers were blooming. Their provisions had been used up. They were hungry; they were about starving. hungry; they were about starving the headmen asked the medicine when the promised feast would come Then he laughed like a fool and said I just wanted to deceive, to fool you. I have hardly anything to eat myself.' Just then the thunder god sent a lightning bolt from the clear sky and killed the greates

How Japanese Women Kill Themselves.

From the Nineteenth Century, hari kari, the honorable equivalent was death weapon which she generally carried in he girdle to be used in time of need.

Where a Roman dame would in sneight times have plunged her dagger into her own heart, a Japanese heroine preferred to thrust ending existence in the fashion that is so often depicted in Western novels and less fre-quently, perhaps, in real life.

Those Made in Europe Unable to Stand HERE IS FATHER GAPON'S PICTURE

It was certainly a sick looking harp. Photograph of the Russian Workingmen's Leader Taken In Front The carved pillar had buckled out of shape, of Plymouth Rock in 1901.

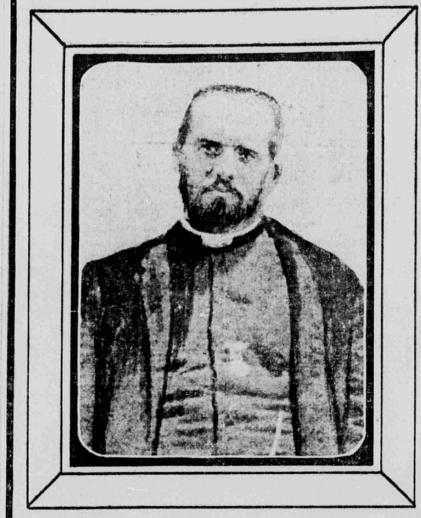
Its beautiful carving, inlaid tracery and gilding showed that it once had been a St. Petersburg. It is taken from a photoSt. Petersburg. It is taken from a photoGapon, recognizing in the Young Men's St. Petersburg. It is taken from a photo- Gapon, recognizing in the Young Men's graph of a group of foreign delegates to the international jubilee convention of the might be of immense help in bettering the Young Men's Christian Associations, held condition of the great mass of Russian in Boston in June, 1901. The photograph young men, threw himself with all the

was taken in front of Plymouth Rock. Father Gapon was one of the most strik- | work. ing personages present at the convention. One who had the privilege of meeting who were present on the evening when the man of splendid physique, not less than 6 foreign delegates were introduced will feet tall. In spite of his 200 pounds he remember how, in almost faultiess English | seemed as agile as an athlete. and with a clear, ringing voice that could be heard to the remotest corner of the vast | ality and impressed one as being a man auditorium, Father Gapon brought to the with a warm heart and an exceedingly

Here is the portrait of Father Gapon, | with the hearty approval of the Czar and earnestness and zeal of his nature into the

meetings of the convention were held him personally and talking with him on Mechanics' Hall, and the thousands several occasions described him as being a

He possessed a most attractive person-



Young Men's Christian Associations of sympathetic nature. One had to speak America the greetings of the Czar of with him but a moment to feel that here

he came into contact as being a man of | that purpose was to do, by every means deep personal piety and intensely interested in his power, all that he could to place in everything that pertained to the welfare | within the reach of his fellow countrymen. of young men. He gave special attention especially those of the great peasant class, to the exhibit of the evening educational | all the benefits and blessings that are the classes of the Young Men's Christian Association, and during the recesses of the con- free Government vention could frequently be seen going

taking notes and asking questions.

first class private conveyance. In some cases the monogram of the person who hires it will be put on the door panel-at

her expense, of course.

Then if a horse of coachman or groom is taken ill, or gets gay, or the carriage is smashed in a collision, the lady who rents smasned in a comston, the lady who tents it is not in any way responsible, and what is more, she is not even inconvenienced by the occurrence, for in order to keep to his osal by the livery proprietor

"Better yet, so soon as the season is over, e has neither horses nor coachman to years for servants and whose usual com-plement was seven, told me the other day

that she was only keeping four now. Knowing the size of her house I asked:

"How can you keep everything in good order with such a small force? Will you not be the loser in the end?"

"Mercy!" she exclaimed energetically. "I don't do it to save money. I have been forced into that arrangement here area.

forced into that arrangement because I can't get good servants.

"As you know, I am awfully fussy about

As you know, I am awfully fussy about having the house kept perfectly clean, and in order to make up for the lack of an extra housemaid I give an order every few weeks to a dust removing company, which sends an automatic arrangement warranted in a few hours to clear every speck of dust out of the house. Lacking a second man, I have a window cleaning company take have a window cleaning company take are of the windows. Every time the win-ows are cleaned it costs \$5." "Well, after that lady went out with a

carefree expression on her face, I did some tall thinking and I came to the conclusion that gradually the servant problem was being made easier because of the possi-bility of hiring skilled servants by the day or hour. And the trend at present is that

QUIT TROTTERS FOR RUNNERS. Many Harness Horsemen Have Gone Over to the Big Racing Game.

In recent years many trotting horse men have tired of the sulky and have turned their attention to the runners. The most notable case in point is that of E. E. Smathers, who at one time was exclusively wrapped up in the trotting game only to give it up after he had won worldwide fame. This year Mr. Smathers will devote his spare time entirely to a big stable of running horses, which will be trained proba-bly by George Spear, the well known trainer bly by George Spear, the well known trainer and driver of trotters. W. N. Snyder, who now owns Trapper and other good runners, was formerly a trotting horseman, and so was John C. Madden, who has made a fortune out of the running turf, both as a breeder of high class thoroughbreds and as an owner and trainer.

Enoch Wishard, who has trained John A. Drake's stable for a number of years, campaigned a string of trotters and pacers on the small Western tracks twenty years ago. Crit Dana, who trained for Col.

ago. Crit Dana, who trained for Col. James E. Pepper until the latter retired from the turf, was once a breeder, owner, trainer and driver of trotters. Johnny trainer and driver of trotters. Johnny Campbell, who trained Castaway II., a Brooklyn Handicap winner, and Ogden, who captured the Futurity for the late Marcus Daly, deserted the trotters fifteen years ago for the runners. Doc Street, who usually leases a number of horses from James R. Keene, Frank Van Ness, who went the Futurity with Morrello Matterials. from James R. Keene, Frank Van Ness, who won the Futurity with Morrello; Matt Allen, the trainer of Banastar, Gold Heels, and Oiseau; Gil Curry, who once trained the harness horses of Senator W. A. Clark; John E. Turner, Bob Stuart, W. H. McCarthy and J. C. Simpson were all identified with the trotters and pacers at one time or another before becoming permanently identified with the turf. identified with the turf.

was a man whose whole life was dominated mon heritage of those who live under a

On the day after the convention adjourned from one group of exhibits to another, the delegates were taken on an excursion to Plymouth. Standing in front of Plym-As the result of a visit to Russia by Clar- outh Rock with the group of other foreign ence Hicks, chief secretary of the railway | delegates about him, and having learned branch of the American Young Men's the historic incidents connected with the

Philadelphia Students Have Educated Mgr. Ryan's Collie and He's Very Wise.

The famous St. Bernard dog trained to a show of religious practices by a Benedictine monk has a rival in a collie owned by Archibishop Ryan of Philadelphia. collie struck up an acquaintance with the Archbishop one day while he was taking his customary walk in Fairmount Park, and thereafter stuck close to the heels of the prelate, even to the doors of the episcopal residence.

"Begone!" commanded the Archbishop. who was afraid that some one might think he was trying to smuggle the handsome animal into the house. The dog went sheepishly down the steps, but, catching sight of the Archbishop's kindly look bounded up again, wagging his tail. "Well, come in, then," said the prelate.

and the collie obeyed with a bound

Since that day, a year ago, he has been an attaché of the Archbishop's household. He knows how to put his paws together in an attitude of prayer, he "sings," thumps the piano with his big paws and exhibits penitence for misbehavior. The students around the archiepiscopal residence have taken the greatest pains with his religious education and the collie would no more think of barking during religious service than he would of trying to pick a quarrel with the sculptured hound on the lawn. During religious processions he assumes of his own accord an attitude of respect. sitting on his hind legs and remaining motionless until the procession passes.

The dog had not been long in the possession of the Archbishop before Mgr. Ryan discovered that he belonged to another man who was much chagrined at his loss. This real owner approached the Archbishop as he and the collie were strolling in the

"I beg your pardon, sir," said the man, but that's my dog." "Maybe it is." said his excellency, laugh-

ng. I never was sure he was mine; he ollowed me home."

The stranger called to the animal, which The stranger cance to use animals, which seemed delighted to see him. Then he showed the Archbishop that the collie had a pedigree which would arouse the envy of half the blueblooded dogs in the city. "I've spent weeks hunting for him." sumed the stranger, "and now that I've

resumed the stranger, "and now that I've found him you can have him."

The Archbishop offered to buy the dog, but the man insisted that he accept the collie as a gift, and he did. Every morning now the collie accompanies Mgr. Ryan on his walk through the park. He knows the hours of the services in the cathedral and can be usually seen at the side door waiting for the Archbishop to come out. Whether there is service or not he never tries to enter the church.

The dog's value is rated at about \$500. The dog's value is rated at about \$500.

After 23 Years Gets Stolen Watch. From the Los Angeles Times.
William Collier has just received a watch

and chain from Keekuk, Ia., which was stolen from him twenty-three years ago. The articles were found when an old sidethe police. The owner was identified through a local jeweller, who remembered having repaired the timepiece many years ago. The watch is now valueless except as old gold, or as a souvenir. The watch was taken by a burglar who entered Mr. Collier's home.

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8.9x10				52.00	10.1x13.6	feet,	was	160.00now	115.00
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8 8×10 1				58.00	10.6x15.2	feet.	WAS	175.00now	125.00

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> Much has been said of late on the derease in the number of private residences in Manhattan, and deductions have been made that before many years have gone by the majority of folks in easy circumstances, as well as many of the wealthiest, will choose to live after the hotel apartment plan. These forecasts hinge largely on the servant problem-on the difficulty of getting and keeping, especially of keeping, efficient, trustworthy servants at moderate

"I used to be called fascinating," humorously remarked a young matron of un-doubted charm, "but I have never yet been arrives, and st able to fascinate a servant into living with

me more than three or four months. And her experience is not unusual Nevertheless, people situated as she is are not overwhelmingly cast down these days when cook or butler chooses to pack up her or his belongings at a particularly inconvenient moment and clear out. They never dream for an instant of pulling down the front blinds and recalling invitations, supposing a dinner party or a reception had been planned for that evening, for the reason that there is one unfailing resource

in such circumstances. "By picking up my telephone receiver I can have a first class chef in my kitchen inside of an hour and from the same source an experienced butler and waitress," explained a woman who entertains constantly.

"Do they come to stay?" "Of course not. They are simply hired for the job and clear out when they finish it. But I don't know of any city where servants may be had by the day or the job so easily as right here in New York, and while that is the case there is not the slightest fear that private housekeeping will go

entirely out of fashion." "The piecework servants, as I call them, are getting to be more and more in demand," explained the manager of a celebrated restaurant. "It would surprise some visiting foreigners accustomed to a houseful of servants the year round to know that some of the finest private entertainments they have attended while in New York have been managed entirely by servants hired solely for the occasion. But it would be true all the same.

"No one has a better chance than I to learn how the fashionables of New York live, and one of the things I am sure of is that nowadays most of them depend far more on special servants they hire by the day or the week than on a regular staff.

"What is more, many are beginning to prefer to have it that way. In the end it costs less and saves a lot of care and worry "For instance, there is Mrs. Blank, who was brought up in a house managed by six or eight servants and who after she married and until about one year ago kept about the same number and would as soon have thought of getting along without a chambermaid as without a ohef-well, now she has a woman cook who gets \$30 month, and instead of a butler she employs a neat little waitress who has entire

charge of the dining room. "I was astonished when Mrs. Blank told me about it, for, so far as I could see, she hadn't cut down her entertaining at all. and is seldom or never known to fall back on a restaurant in order to save trouble as so many hostesses do from time to time. I soon learned, however, that she was doing what hundreds of other hostesses—smart women and women in moderate circum-stances—are doing, and that is, hiring extra servants, specialists in their line, as they

are needed.

"A dozen years ago this sort of thing couldn't have been done for any amount of money. Specialists waiting around for jobs were not thick by any means then, whereas now, to work by the job or by the piece is the aim of every servant who is work than ordinarily competent.

more than ordinarily competent.

"I am not sure, in fact, but that sooner or later that system of hiring servants will be general for there is this to be said in its favor—every one who tries it likes it "Now in Mrs. Blank's case, when sh has a big dinner on she hires a chef from | small.

an employment bureau which deals only with men servants and he arrives with an assistant in good time to take command of the kitchen. Her own cook acts as a general assistant at such times and her waitress makes herself useful to the head waiter and his three or four assistants, also hired specially for the occasion.

"As a rule, Mrs. Blank has no trouble in getting the same corps of waiters each time by giving proper notice, and that always simplifies things. No. she doesn't often go to an employment bureau for the waiters. She comes to me and if possible I spare the required number from my staff. Almost any of the first class restaurants Almost any of the first class restaurants will do the same, especially if the dinner is ordered from them, which six times out

is ordered from them, which six times out of ten is the case.

"Mrs. Blank, however, prefers to have everything cooked in her own kitchen and not sent from the restaurant kitchen. Therefore she always engages a chef independently, draws up her own bill of fare and buys the provisions, or orders them herself. For that reason her dinners are quite as distinctive as they were when she kept a chef and butler always on hand to wage war on the other servants and make

to wage war on the other servants and make her life miserable, as she puts it.
"One advantage of her plan is that when arrives, and she starts off to spend pa Lent at one and another resort, instead of leaving a houseful of high priced servants to eat their heads off, she has only three to

on the plan of hiring servants for special occasions." said the manager of an employment bureau. "People in moderate

ircumstances, too, are making the mos Excuse me, as the telephone bell rang. "Yes, I can send a woman to-morrow morning at 9. Three dollars a day, madam Thoroughly competent, of course, was her reply to a questioner at the phone.

Then she explained:

"I was talking with a lady who wants woman for one day to clean silver. She is to give a dinner party to-morrow night and wants everything shining, and her walt-ress has not time to go over a quantity of silver before then.

"That lady, by the way, used to keep a butler. Now she hires extra help as oc-casion requires and manages with a waitress.

have one patron to whom I send a wom to clean silver every three weeks and I knot ladies who send to a silversmith when the are in a hurry and get from him a man to oit. In that case they pay \$5 a day.
"I have many calls just now for a wai
serve at afternoon tea from people keep only a general housework girl of help at all and who feel that a neat wait

more in keeping with their surroundings than a waiter. "The other day a coachman who had been

and registered.

"Why did you leave your place?" asked him, remembering that only a did or two before his former mistress droin a very styllah turnout, with two mistress droins. in irreproachable livery on I did not leave, ma'am and-so hires by the month now. me. 'She says it gives her less trouble. I think she liked me well enough, but she had a lot of trouble last winter in getting a groom to suit her and the horses were

ever getting sick."
"I was quite sure the man spoke the truth, for I have had other cases like that Many extremely fashionable folks hire a turnout these days, at a cost of \$300 or \$400 a month, which in style is quite up to 8

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He-Yes, dear, you're always in She-Well! That makes me feel very